(b) The stock of paper in these units as on 31.8.96 was as follows :

	(In M.T.)
Nagaon Paper Mill	14537
Cachar Paper Mill	20967

(c) (i) Action has been taken by Hindustan Paper Corporation to improve efficiency in the areas of pulp mill, recovery section and paper machine and to increase capacity utilisation.

(ii) Hindustan Paper Corporation has also taken up special drive for production of value added paper like maplitho, copier and base paper to increase the margin of profit.

(iii) The proposal for financial restructuring of Hindustan Paper Corporation has been approved by Government.

Cut in IDA aid to India

5707. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "IDA aid cut to India likely says Report" published in *Times of India* (Mumbai) dated June 27, 1996;

(b) whether India is likely to get less International Development Assistance during 1996-97;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for effecting such a cut ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The international development assistance likely to be pledged to India for the year 1996-97 will be known only after the conclusion of India Development Forum Meeting, scheduled to be held in Japan on 19–20 September, 1996.

Creation of Additional Irrigation Potential by N.A.B.A.R.D.

5708. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NABARD has sanctioned any project for creation of additional irrigation potential in the States through Rural Infrastructure Development Fund during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details of the States proposed to be brought under the project;

(c) the estimated area likely to be covered in the project, State-wise; and

(d) the estimated outlay sanctioned for the project ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Selected projects, including irrigation projects fron all States are eligible for assistance under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

(c) and (d). The scheme of RIDF-I is operational since 1995-96. According to information made available by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), a loan assistance of Rs. 1990.96 crores has been sanctioned under the scheme so far for over 2500 projects with a combined irrigational potential of about 20.50 lakh hectares. NABARD has further reported that it has sanctioned 133 minor irrigation schemes in three States under RIDF-I during 1996-97. The State-wise details are as under :

Arunachal Pradesh	—	34	schemes
Manipur	—	63	schemes
Tripura	—	36	schemes
Total	—	133	schemes

The details of the area likely to be irrigated by these projects and the financial outlay there against is indicated below :

State	Area (hectares)	Financial Outlay (Rs. crores)	NABARD assistance (Rs. crores)
Arunachal Pradesh	4474	9.21	3.36
Manipur	4579	3.72	1.75
Tripura	1423	4.38	1.82

Further, as announced in the budget speech for 1996-97, an amount of Rs. 2500 crores has been earmarked for RIDF–II.

Non-Banking Financial Institutes in Tamil Nadu

5709. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of non-banking financial institutions permitted by the RBI for operating in Tamil Nadu, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government are aware that many of these institutions have duped the depositors on large scale;

(c) if so, the action taken against these defaulting units;

(d) whether the Government propose to ban these institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?